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SUBJECT: BURMA: TUESDAY PRAYER GROUP MEMBERS APPEAR IN  
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11. (C) We have confirmed media reports that Tuesday Prayer Group leader and political activist Naw Ohn Hla and three others -- Cho Cho Lwin, Cho Cho Aye, and San San Myint -- appeared at Insein court on January 11. The court hearing stems from their October arrests for offering alms to monks at Magwe monastery in Rangoon. Authorities charged the four with violating section 505 (b) of the Penal Code ) "disturbing public tranquility." Their next scheduled appearance in court will be on January 30, according to Embassy sources.

12. (C) Naw Ohn Hla is a prominent National League for Democracy member. The Tuesday Prayer Group is a collection of pro-democracy activists who traditionally visit Rangoon's Shwedagon Pagoda every Tuesday to pray for the release of Aung San Suu Kyi and all political prisoners.

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